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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 615
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Steve Asberry and the 1999-2000 Pickett County boys' basketball team on winning the James C. Haile Tournament.

WHEREAS, as it has been for much of its storied history, Pickett County continued its exemplary record of hardwood prominence during the 1999-2000 season, winning both the boys' and girls' state basketball championships; and

WHEREAS, the much heralded Pickett County Junior High School boys' basketball team won the coveted James C. Haile Tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, the Bobcats pounced on their regular season foes to compile a record of 19-3, with impressive victories over Clinton County, Kentucky; Cookeville, Livingston, Baxter and Fox; and

WHEREAS, tournament triumphs included Woodland, 60-37; Tucker's Crossroads, 54-27; Kittrell, 56-50; and Hampshire, 47-27, in the finals; and

WHEREAS, this victory and excellent season surprised many of the "experts" because the team had lost all five starters from the previous season; and

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WHEREAS, the team had an exceptional 23-3 overall record, marking the fourth straight season the Bobcats have had 23 wins; and

WHEREAS, **Coach Steve Asberry** carefully molded his young squad into championship caliber and improved his record over the last three seasons to 69-8; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders were **Alan Asberry** and **Nathan Groce**, who were named to the All-State Tournament Squads. The tenacious defense of **Luke Mason** and the great playing of **Josh Wright, Lance Mason, James Branham, Micah Smith, and James Abbott** also contributed significantly to the team's victories; and

WHEREAS, the other players, **Tyler White, Drue Jolly, William Matheny, Dustin Mitchell, Steve Gray, and Bryan Elder**, were diligent in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated managers were **Emily Bandy, Elizabeth Delk and Heather Capps**; and

WHEREA, it is fitting that we salute the accomplishments of a team that has been a source of tremendous pride to their school and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Steve Asberry and the 1999-2000 Pickett County Junior High School boys' basketball team on winning the James C. Haile Tournament and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.